

colonies, so that for several years I knew of no *Goodyera* in Rhode Island, except the rather common *G. pubescens*.

However, in the early fall of 1948, Mr. John B. Hudson found a colony of *Goodyera* plants, obviously not *pubescens*, growing in moist woods under hemlocks in the town of Glocester, R. I., and we later visited the colony together. At first we both assumed them to be *G. repens*, but when we found rather thick-stemmed plants 10'' or more in height and with the flower-raceme cylindrical, we began to suspect that some, at least, of the plants might be *G. tessellata*.

We, therefore, on August 12, 1950, collected two specimens, both in fruit, one with a cylindrical raceme and the other with a one-sided raceme, and I took both to Dr. Fernald, at the Gray Herbarium, for a positive identification. Dr. Fernald identified both as *G. tessellata*, but suspected that there may have been some hybridizing with *G. pubescens*, which is frequent in the same woods.

Dr. Fernald believes that the plant which in the early records was called *G. repens* was the plant which is now called *G. tessellata*. Some of these records were made before *tessellata* was recognized with us as a species, that is, when only *pubescens* and *repens* were being recognized, so that a plant which was clearly not *pubescens* must have been considered to be *repens*.

It appears likely that the smaller plants with one-sided flower-racemes which were destroyed by the 1938 hurricane were really small specimens of *G. tessellata*. It is doubtful that *repens* has ever been found in Rhode Island.—CHARLES S. BRYAN, Providence 6, R. I.

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